

## **SHIBA HELPLINE NEWS FLASHES**

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### ***The latest headlines:***

**The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issues new citizenship guidelines:** Seniors and people with disabilities, who currently receive Medicare or Supplemental Security Income, do **not** have to show proof of citizenship and identity. These folks are exempt from additional documentation requirements. All other people who sign up for or who have Medicaid must provide proof of citizenship. For more information about acceptable documentation, visit the CMS Web site at: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/media/press/release.asp?Counter=1878>.

**TRICARE enhances prescription process:** Effective immediately, TRICARE clients who have other health insurance no longer need to file paper claims for prescriptions filled at most retail pharmacies. Participating retail pharmacists can instantly submit electronic claims to TRICARE when a client buys medications. The new process allows pharmacies to receive TRICARE's payment before requesting a copayment from the client. For more information, visit TRICARE on the Web at <http://www.tricareonline.com/> or call 1-866-363-8779.

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